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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Francois MALLET et al.

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 09/680,946

Examiner: J. FREDMAN

Filed: October 6, 2000

Docket No.: 028662.96

For: RNA AMPLIFICATION METHOD REQUIRING ONLY ONE MANIPULATION
STEP

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

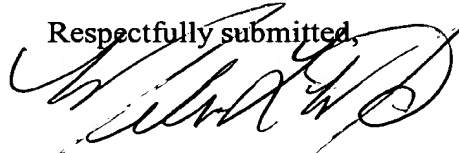
Claims 1-20 and 22-53 are pending in this application. Claims 1-20 and 22-53 are indicated to be free of the prior art.

The Quayle Action requires a new Reissue Oath or Declaration. In response to this request, a Second Supplemental Reissue Declaration is attached hereto. This Declaration clearly indicates that the individuals executing this document are the inventors and that they have reviewed the application, specification and claims as amended. This Declaration also clearly identifies a specific error being corrected. Based on the submission of this document, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 and 22-53 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:
Second Supplemental Reissue Declaration

Date: June 14, 2005

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